

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

### SARL NEWS SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2002

This is Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 CAT in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and packet bulletin boards.

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The SARL News Service invites Clubs and individuals to contribute news regarding Amateur Radio to [sarlnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sarlnews@hotmail.com). It will be highly appreciated if it is done in both Afrikaans and English.

Now for the news in detail:

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BULLETIN TRANSLATIONS

The weekly SARL bulletins are compiled by volunteers. This is done by combining a variety of items obtained from different sources into bulletins made available in Afrikaans and English.

At present there are only two volunteers and this makes compiling, translating and reading the bulletins a heavy workload.

SARL news needs volunteers for translating the bulletins. If you can translate from English into Afrikaans OR from Afrikaans into English or both, have an e-mail address and can be available to do this translation on Fridays, then we would like to hear from you.

If you can help with this, or are willing to try, contact Fritz ZS6ASF on 012 997 1114 or on 083 304 0028 or by e-mail [zs6asf@icon.co.za](mailto:zs6asf@icon.co.za).

Please note: The deadline for items to be included in the Sunday SARL bulletin is 18:00 on the Thursday.

#### SARL WEBSITE HAS A NEW HOME

The SARL website has a new home. The sponsorship agreement with Intekom has come to an end, and due to changes at Intekom/Telkom it was decided to

move the site to a new service provider.

Thanks go to Intekom for the sponsorship and for the time that they hosted the SARL web site

Along with the move has come a change of webmaster.

Peter Hers ZS6PHD started the SARL web in 1997. Since then it has gone through two facelifts, and has become an important tool for use by amateurs in South Africa and overseas. Members of the SARL have access to additional services, as well as the formal minutes and other documents of the SARL. Many overseas amateurs make use of the online callbook, which is updated on a weekly basis from the SARL database.

Peter has enjoyed the challenge of running the web site, and would now like to move on and dedicate his time to other activities. This is a good time to hand the SARL web over to someone who can bring in some fresh ideas and take it to a new level for the benefit of all. Peter will continue to work with Richard Seddon to ensure a proper handover.

Our thanks go to Peter who has been responsible for setting up and maintaining the site to a high standard of professionalism. This has ensured that the SARL members enjoyed a great web site. Thanks to him for all the assistance and support given to the SARL.

The new custodian of the SARL web site will be Richard Seddon ZS2CLI from Border Amateur Radio Club in the Eastern Cape .

Richard works for an Internet company and is looking forward to the challenge of maintaining the SARL website. Richard can be contacted by e-mail at zs2cli@qwest.co.za for all enquiries and ideas concerning the SARL web site.

The change of service provider does not affect the way people access the SARL website, which can still be found at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za). A new set of e-mail addresses have been set up to make best use of the SARL.ORG.ZA domain, these provide direct access to portfolios with a e-mail address that will not change irrespective of who holds the portfolio.

Please make note of these new e-mail addresses:

admin@sarl.org.za this replaces sarl@intekom.co.za; president@sarl.org.za = SARL president; arim@sarl.org.za = ARMI compilers and readers; radiozs@sarl.org.za = RadioZS Editor; news@sarl.org.za = Bulletins; secretary@sarl.org.za = SARL secretary; qsl@sarl.org.za = QSL Bureau.

#### SARL LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Later this year the SARL intends giving members with an unbroken service of 5 or more years, a special award. In the January/February edition of RadioZS a list of 326 callsigns was published of members of the SARL of whom the SARL does not have their dates of joining. Up till now only 119 members have reacted to this request. Members who have not yet reacted are kindly

requested to send their callsign, name and date of joining the SARL by e-mail to QRM@intekom.co.za or per telephone to 021 460 3640.

#### NEXT RAE

The next RAE takes place on Thursday 23 May at 19:00 SAT. The closing date for entries is 16 April 2002. No late entries will be accepted. Entries received after 16 April will automatically stand over till the next RAE. Entrance fee for the examination is R250,00 which includes the ICASA certificate and the licence fee for the present year. Entry forms are available on the SARL webpage at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) or from the National Amateur Centre at telephone 011-675 2393.

Clubs presenting classes or clubs that are aware of RAE candidates who wish to take the examination in their area, must register with the SARL. The following information must be given to the examining officer: Full physical address of the examination centre; Name, surname and callsign of both the invigilator and the assistant-invigilator, (It is a requirement of ICASA that only members of the SARL may act as invigilators); The address to which examination papers must be delivered by courier; E-mail address and contact number of the invigilator.

This information can be sent to the examining officer at [rassie@ctech.ac.za](mailto:rassie@ctech.ac.za).

#### VHF/UHF CONTEST

This weekend hosts the first leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Contest. This contest started at 12:00 CAT yesterday and ends at 12:00 CAT today.

It seems that the tendency during the last number of contests was to use FM only. What about SSB, horizontally polarised? Does it not present the possibility of making longer distance contacts with higher score values?

The address for Contest Entries is John Fielding ZS5JF, PO Box 256, Inchanga, 3670. E-mail enquiries: [johnf@futurenet.co.za](mailto:johnf@futurenet.co.za)

#### CLUB NEWS

##### NEW COMMITTEE FOR MAGALIES RADIO AMATEUR CLUB

At a general meeting of the Magalies Radio Amateur Radio Club held on March 9, the following members were elected to a new committee: Chairman Pieter Scholtz, ZS6LC; Vice Chairman George Honiball, ZS6NE; Secretary Magda van Wyk, ZS6MVW; Treasurer Jan Grey, ZR6BKL; Packet and Technical Piet van Wyk, ZS6PVW; Public Relations Weon vd Vyver, ZS6LKF; Youth Co-ordinator Lizette va Wyk, ZR6LWT; Social Affairs Jenny Nel, ZR6JWN.

Thanks to the retiring committee and strength to the new committee for what lies ahead.

#### ZS6PTA FLEA MARKET

The Pretoria amateur radio club will hold its autumn flea market on Saturday 6 April 2002. The flea market will be held at the usual place at the South Campus

of the University of Pretoria.  
Please note the starting time is 12:00.

Everyone is welcome to come and visit the biggest flea market in Southern Africa. Phone Almero ZR6RY on (012) 567 3722 or 082 414 5164 if you want to book a table or if you need directions to the flea market.

SARLNEWS thanks all contributors, individuals, clubs and other organizations for contributions to this bulletin and all stations who so reliably relay the bulletins.

This bulletin was compiled by Gustav ZS6BWN, and read by.....from .....as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750 and 7082 kHz and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz. ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentechn.

At noon on Sundays the SARL President's net is on the air on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us.

Goodbye everyone.

#### LATE NEWS FLASH

Next Sunday the SARL will present an Intecnet with a difference. The special guest will be Clive Simpkins who is a consultant, strategist and spindoctor in corporate, personal, media and political communications.

He specialised in his field for two years in the USA in a consultancy to the US Department of State. In Africa he has worked with 4 Presidents among them, former Botswana President Sir Ketumile Masire, The Vice President of Kenya, Professor George Saitoti, former S.A. President F. W. de Klerk and elite within the ANC. He is former pro bono parliamentary speechwriter to Mrs Adelaide Tambo. He consults to and coaches politicians, individuals appearing on TV and in the public eye, and has as retainer clients, CEO's and executive teams of blue chip companies.

Clive Simpkins will discuss how Amateur Radio, the SARL and Radio Clubs can position themselves to stimulate activity and growth.

He is providing his services free of charge to the SARL and has agreed to field questions in the interactive part of the programme. Here is an opportunity no club or member should miss.

Intecnet 2002 will be on the air on Sunday 24 March 2002 from 20:00 - 21:30 CAT on various local repeaters with a relay on 3215 kHz AM. Clubs wishing to link their repeaters should send detail to [armi@intekom.co.za](mailto:armi@intekom.co.za) by not later than 22 March, or by fax to 012 991-5651. Intecnet is sponsored by Telkom and Sentechn.